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Hello All,

On behalf of Hearing Examiner Mark Lawrence, please find attached two orders granting intervention in the above referenced docket to Washington Gas Energy Services, Inc. and the United States Air Force.

I have also attached the current Service List. Please let me know if you have any updates.

Have a Great Day!

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)				
CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION FOR)	•			
APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO THE TRANSPORTATION)	PSC I	OCKET	NO.	13-383
AND BALANCING RIDER AND THE GAS SUPPLIER)		·		· .
SCHEDULE OF ITS TARIFF	`)				
(FILED OCTOBER 1,2013))				

ORDER No. 8511

FOR ADMISSION AS AN INTERVENOR

AND NOW, this 8th day of January, 2014, pursuant to the authority granted to me in PSC Order No. 8481 dated November 5, 2013, this Hearing Examiner having considered the Petition for Leave to Intervene ("the Petition") filed by the Washington Gas Energy Services, Inc. ("WGES") on December 18, 2013, and there being no objection thereto filed by any party of record;

NOW, THEREFORE,

- 1. The Petition is granted.
- 2. In PSC Order No. 8481, the Commission ordered that the deadline for filing petitions for intervention was December 18, 2013. (See Order, $\P8.$)
- 3. Thus, WGES' Petition to Intervene was timely filed. No party has opposed WGES' intervention.
- 4. In its Petition, WGES describes its unique interest in this docket as follows:

WGES serves large and intermediate industrial commercial customers who are transportation customers of Chesapeake under the Transportation and Gas Supplier Schedule. These customers will be directly affected by Chesapeake's proposed changes to its Tariff as will WGES in serving them. Chesapeake proposes to assign pipeline capacity that it claims it no longer needs to serve its firm residential and commercial utility sales customers to its transposition customers even though these customers have no need of that capacity to receive service from suppliers like WGES.

WGES intends to file comments objecting to Chesapeake's proposed tariff changes, which would saddle transportation customers with unneeded upstream pipeline capacity they have heretofore not had to pay for. Such changes will adversely impact the competitive gas supply market in Delaware, which transportation customers now can access to achieve energy savings and choices. WGES further intends to participate in the workshops that Staff will schedule and in any formal proceeding that will ensue.

5. For purposes of considering the merits of WGES' Petition, I assume as true the representations made in WGES' Petition. Specifically, WGES has adequately alleged that it has particularized expertise and experience which may be valuable to the Commission in deciding the issues in this docket. Thus, WGES has satisfied the intervention requirements of Rule 21 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Now, therefore, IT IS ORDERED:

1. Accordingly, the Petition for Intervention filed by the Washington Gas Energy Services, Inc. ("WGES") is GRANTED.

2. WGES shall be added to the Service List for this Docket.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Mark bawrence

Hearing Examiner

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)				
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SCHEDULE OF ITS TARIFF)				
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ORDER No. 8510

FOR ADMISSION AS AN INTERVENOR

AND NOW, this 8th day of January, 2014, pursuant to the authority granted to me in PSC Order No. 8481 dated November 5, 2013, this Hearing Examiner having considered the Petition for Leave to Intervene ("the Petition") filed by the United States Air Force ("USAF"), by Lt. Col. Gregory J. Fike, Esq., on December 18, 2013, and there being no objection thereto filed by any party of record;

NOW, THEREFORE,

- 1. The Petition is granted.
- 2. In PSC Order No. 8481, the Commission ordered that the deadline for filing petitions for intervention was December 18, 2013. (See Order, $\P8.$)
- 3. Thus, the USAF's Petition to Intervene was timely filed. No party has opposed the USAF's intervention.
- 4. In its Petition, the USAF describes its unique interest in this docket as follows:

"Description of Petitioner's Interests.

The proceeding in this docket will examine the transportation and balancing rider and the gas supplier schedule of the tariff of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation. The Air Force (primarily through Dover Air Force Base) is a large commercial customer of Chesapeake Utilities and purchases natural gas services in Chesapeake's service territory. Thus the disposition of this docket will affect the charges incurred by the Air Force to receive natural gas services. Natural gas cost represent one of the largest variable expenses of operating Federal offices, facilities and installations on whose behalf intervention is ought herein. Therefore, the Air Force seeks to protect its substantial interests as they will be affected by the Commission's decision in this proceeding.

Petitioner's Unique Interest.

The Air Force, and specifically Dover Air Force base, is a unique customer with specialized natural gas supply requirements. Other parties would not be able to adequately represent the Air Force interests. Additionally, since utility costs incurred by the Air Force are paid with taxpayer dollars, it is in the public interest to permit representation by the Air Force in this docket."

5. For purposes of considering the merits of the USAF's Petition, I assume as true the representations made in the USAF's Petition. Specifically, the USAF has adequately alleged that it has particularized expertise and experience which may be valuable to the Commission in deciding the issues in this docket. Thus, the USAF has satisfied the intervention requirements of Rule 21 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Now, therefore, IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. Accordingly, the Petition for Intervention filed by the United States Air Force ("USAF") is GRANTED.
- 2. The USAF shall be added to the Service List for this Docket.
- 3. In order to conserve tax dollars, I am not requiring the USAF to retain Delaware legal counsel. My action has been approved by management at the Delaware Attorney General's office. After speaking at length with Lt. Col. Gregory J. Fike, Esq., who is an experienced utility attorney, I am confident the USAF will process its claim in a proper and timely manner.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Mark Lawrence Hearing Examiner

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